

CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm on 8th October 2024 at Chapel-en-le-Frith Town Hall

Present: Cllrs M Chantler (Chair), M Drabble, A Foreshew-Cain, C Williams, S Young,

In Attendance: Ms G Turner (Locum Clerk). Mrs E Howe (Assistant Clerk),

Apologies: Cllrs J Adshead, Beswick, T Dales and J Perkins

25/228 To make any Declarations of Interests

Councillor Foreshew-Cain declared an interest in agenda item 10, planning application HPK/2024/0360 as the property neighbours his own.

25/229 To consider any applications for Dispensations Nil

25/230 It was resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1 to exclude members of the press and public to agenda item 18 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

25/231 To agree any variations of order of business Nil

25/232 To consider co-option of any known candidates for current Councillor Vacancies

The Assistant Clerk reported that she had received applications from two candidates who were eligible for co-opt to the Parish Council.

Councillor Foreshew-Cain proposed and Councillor Williams seconded that Janice Bankcroft should be co-opted as Parish Councillor. All unanimously **agreed** and Janice Bankcroft was duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Foreshew-Cain proposed and Councillor Williams seconded that Tony Gilfillan should be co-opted as Parish Councillor. All unanimously **agreed** and Tony Gilfillan was duly co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

25/233 Police matters PC Jake Schofield attended the meeting and reported that there had been 32 incidents in Chapel since 9th September 2024. These mainly related to anti-social behaviour at the derelict house on 12a Rowton Grange Road. To try and deter people from entering the property daily patrols will take place over the next few months.

There was also a break-in at the DCC storage facility, 2 thefts and 1 public order offence.

25/233 Public Speaking There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

25/234 To approve minutes of previous meeting It was resolved that the Chair be authorised to sign as being a true and correct record the minutes of the Council meeting of 5th September 2024.

25/235 Planning applications The following applications were considered:

- HPK/2024/0360 - 21 Peak Pharmacy, High Street, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Change of

use of building to create HMO at first & second floor level. Ground floor to remain as use of class E. It was **resolved** to object to this application on the grounds that the proposal will result in overdevelopment of the site. It was also **resolved** to ask HPBC, Highways and the Police to visit the proposed development site to assess the parking situation.

- NP/HPK/0824/0862 & 0866 - The Coach House, Unnamed Road from Malcoff to Slack Hall Farm, Chapel-en-le-Frith - To allow access to the garage by vehicles by re-siting the central pier to create one larger opening with an up and over door and change the second opening to become a pedestrian door. Listed building consent. No objection.
- NP/HPK/0924/0908 - The Jays, Lesser Lane, Combs - New shepherd's hut to provide ancillary accommodation. No comment.
- HPK/2024/0371 - Valley House, Owlgreave Farm, Combs Road, Combs - Construction of rear gable extension to form utility space at ground floor and altered bedroom accommodation at first floor. No objection, although it was noted that the rear gable extension would be visible from the footpath as it is on a raised site.
- HPK/2024/0383 - 32 Alexander Road, Dove Holes - Double single storey side extension to replace existing single storey extension. No objection.
- HPK/2024/0329 - 35 Horse Fair Avenue, Chapel-en-le-Frith - New proposed raised decking to the rear of the property. No objection on the condition that it does not overlook the neighbouring properties.
- HPK/2024/0387 - Unit 4 Central Station Yard, Unnamed Road from Eccles Road to Coal Yard, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Creation of 5 class E Units to existing concrete base platform within RBS Logistics Yard. It was **resolved** that as this road leads onto an already difficult junction, Highways should be asked to take a look for safety issues.
- HPK/2024/0368 - Harpur Cottage, Unnamed Road from rear of PVC factory, Whitehough - Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Annexe providing single storey two bedroom overflow accommodation for members of the family residing in the main dwelling, and home office facility. No objection, as long as the development always remains as ancillary accommodation and is for immediate family members only.
- HPK/2024/0394 - 3 Carriers Meadow, Chapel-en-le-Frith - Two storey side extension. No objection.
- HPK/2024/0410 - 67 Meadow Lane, Dove Holes - Two storey side extension, sunk patio, and associated engineering optionations as approved under (HPK/2023/0536) on appeal – APP/H1033/D/24/3340663) and further engineering works to form side access path. No objection.
- HPK/2024/0414/416 - Brook House, Barn Ridge Lane, Combs - Listed building consent and application for a detached single garage. No objection.

25/236 Planning appeals Nil.

25/237 Planning Decision Notices

- HPK/2024/0258 (55 Crossings Road, Chapel): Approved
- HPK/2024/0274 (111, Chap Moorings, Manchester Road Chapel): Refused
- HPK/2024/0208 (Croft Barn, Eccles Road, Chapel): Approved

- HPK/2024/0090 (Town End Methodist Church, Market Street, Chapel): Approved

25/238 Reports from Council committees/working groups

- a. Personnel Committee: Councillor Foreshew-Cain confirmed that the advert for the role of Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer had been sent out and that the Personnel Committee would meet on the 21st October to shortlist the candidates.
- b. Police Liaison Working Group: It was noted that this working group had not yet met due to the change in police officer covering the area.
- c. Regeneration & Communications Committee: The minutes of the Meeting held on 19th September were circulated to members. It was noted that the Clerk had written to Alliance Norse to establish how the swings at Dove holes play area deteriorate to such an extent they had to be removed without warning.

It was agreed to accept the quotation and the offer to fully fund the costs to repair and clean the War Memorial, subject to copies of the correct schedule of works and insurances being provided to the Council.

- d. Finance & Town Hall Committee: It was noted that this meeting was postponed as it was not quorate and has been rearranged to Tuesday 15th October at 12pm.
- e. Bowling Club Working Group: The minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September which considered the approach the Parish Council should adopt when meeting the bowling green representatives were circulated to members and noted.
- f. Town Hall & 47-49 Market Street Working Group: The minutes of the Meeting held on 17th September where the renewal of the leases on 47/49 Market Street was considered, were circulated to members. It was noted that this was progressing and various valuations for the property were being sought.

A request has been received from DCC to allow a Real Time Information Screen (RTIS) to be installed on the side of the building at 47/49 Market Street. It was agreed that following assurance from DCC that the Parish Council would be indemnified against any potential injury caused by the RTIS and confirmation that the current tenant of 47/49 Market Street consents to it being connected to his electricity supply, the Parish Council would permit the RTIS installation by DCC.

25/239 Chair's Report

Councillors expressed their sadness upon hearing of the death of Mary Bellamy, who had held the title of Honorary Freewoman of the Parish. Councillor Williams had represented the Parish Council at Mary's funeral and her family had said that she had greatly valued being given the honorary title.

The Chair stated that a £500 grant had been received from Sally De Pee from the HPBC's Councillors' Initiative Fund. These funds have been spent on flowers and compost for the street planters in the parish.

It was noted that the Court Case scheduled for 4th and 5th December has been transferred from Bolton MC back to Manchester MC.

Sally De Pee and Councillor Dales have organised a Pension Credit Drop-in in the Town Hall Annexe on Tuesday 5th November 1pm - 3pm where anyone needing advice on applying for pension credits can speak with a member of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Chair reported that the external auditors had issued an interim audit report as they had received correspondence bringing information to their attention that must be

considered before they can certify the completion of their review and discharge their responsibilities.

It was proposed that the December Full Council meeting be moved to Tuesday 10th December to enable the reporting the outcome of the Court Case being heard on 4th and 5th December. All were in agreement that the Full Council Meeting should be moved to 10th December.

25/240 Finance It was resolved to:

- a. Approve the attached schedule of accounts for payment (totals £23,651.56).
- b. A comparison of year-to-date budget compared to actual income and expenditure was circulated to members. The Clerk stated that it was a first draft and would be amended over the coming months to reflect the change in committees since the budget had been prepared.

25/241 To review the Council's updated Compassionate Leave Policy and the Equity and Diversity Policy. Draft policies were circulated to members for comment. It was agreed that following minor amendments, the policies be adopted by the Parish Council.

25/242 Invitation received from St Thomas Becket Church to attend a meeting to discuss the Churches 800th anniversary celebrations. Councillor Foreshew-Cain volunteered to attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. All agreed.

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25/243 To note any court-case matters.

It was noted that a site visit with the barrister had taken place and that a Teams meeting to finalise the paperwork to be submitted to the Court, had been scheduled for 18th October with the solicitor and barrister.

25/244 Date of next meeting It was resolved that as the 1st Tuesday in November falls on the 5th when a lot of Councillors would be unable to attend, the Full Council Meeting should be moved to Tuesday 12th November 2024.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

CHAIR